

PRESTEIGNE  
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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**ANNUAL  
REPORTS**

**for the Year 1958**

of the

Medical Officer of Health

and

Public Health Inspector



St. David's,  
Presteigne.

## **Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1958.**

To the Chairman and Members of the Presteigne Urban  
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report upon the  
Health of the Urban District for 1958.

The general health of the District has been good  
and there have been no epidemics.

The polio-myelitis vaccination campaign has met  
with good response and the age-limit has now been  
raised to 25.

There is increasing difficulty in admitting chronic  
elderly sick to hospital. Most patients have to go into  
Herefordshire. I am sure that the time has come when  
some provision must be made in Presteigne for the  
accommodation of elderly people who require nursing.  
The efforts of the District Nurses and Home Helps  
cannot be sufficient for bed-ridden people who live alone.  
I feel that steps should be taken to approach the  
Radnorshire County Council on this matter.

I have to thank the Clerk and the Public Health  
Inspector for their help and co-operation.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

DAVID WALKER,

Medical Officer of Health.

## Staff.

Medical Officer of Health.	David Walker, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Public Health Inspector.	G. V. R. Lee, M.R.S.H., M.A.P H.I.
Clerk of the Council	Cecil Sellers

## Section A.

### STATISTICS and SOCIAL CONDITIONS of the AREA.

		1957	1958
Area (in acres)	... ..	2718	2718
Population	... ..	1260	1240
Number of inhabited houses	... ..	490	490
Rateable value of the area	... ..	£10,037	£10,037
Sum represented by a 1d. rate	... ..	£40	£40

### EXTRACT FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	1957			1958		
	M	F	T	M	F	T
Live births (legitimate)	8	8	16	10	5	15
(illegitimate)	—	—	—	1	—	1
Still births (legitimate)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths (all causes)	10	10	20	11	6	17
Deaths of infants under 1 year	—	2	2	—	—	—
Infantile mortality rate	125.0			0.0		
Birth rate (per 1,000 of Population)	12.7			12.9		
Still birth rate (per 1,000 live and still births)	0.0			0.0		
Death rate (per 1,000 of Population)	15.8			13.7		

# CAUSES OF DEATH.

	1957			1958		
	M	F	T	M	F	T
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ „ lung, bronchus	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	—	3	3	—	—	—
Vascular lesions of nervous system	1	1	2	—	1	1
Coronary Disease, Angina	1	—	1	2	—	2
Other Heart Disease	1	3	4	4	—	4
Other circulatory Disease	1	—	1	—	1	1
Pneumonia	2	—	2	—	—	—
Bronchitis	1	—	1	2	1	3
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	1	1
Other defined or ill defined diseases	2	2	4	2	1	3
Motor vehicle accident	1	—	1	1	—	1
All other accidents	—	1	1	—	1	1
Total—All Causes	10	10	20	11	6	17

## VACCINATIONS and IMMUNISATIONS.

	1957	1958
Diphtheria Immunisation	16	15
Whooping Cough Inoculation	12	15
Vaccination	16	17
Poliomyelitis Vaccination	173	219

## NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

During the year 1958 only two cases of infectious and other notifiable disease occurred; they were:

Measles

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### **Section B.**

#### GENERAL PROVISION of HEALTH SERVICES for THE AREA.

LABORATORY FACILITIES. The Public Health Laboratory in Hereford provides the necessary facilities for the area. Special facilities are available at a private Laboratory in Gloucester.

CLINICS. The County Council hold the Child Welfare Clinic on the first Tuesday in each month at the Memorial Hall. This is very well attended.

# **Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector for the year 1958.**

To the Chairman and Members of the Presteigne Urban  
District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my second Annual Report, upon the work carried out and falling within my scope during 1958.

During the year under review a considerable amount of routine work was carried out, as will be seen from the statistics on the next page, particularly in relation to housing and the inspection of meat and food, and food premises. It is pleasing to record, on the subject of meat inspection, that the meat sold in the town continues to be of high quality and that the percentages affected with disease are considerably lower than discovered during the last six months of 1957. It will be noted that it was again unnecessary to condemn more than small portions of carcasses.

Following meetings and discussions by your Sewerage Sub-Committee certain improvements and alterations were effected at the Whitewall Sewage Field; these took place at the end of the year and, although not properly the subject of this report, it can be recorded that the work appears to be having a satisfactory effect on the state of the field generally.

I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their consideration, to express my thanks to Dr. Walker, and to your Clerk, Mr. Sellers, for their help and co-operation.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. V. R. LEE,

Public Health Inspector.

October, 1959.

## SUMMARY OF GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

Total Inspections	917
Number of Complaints received	25
Informal Notices served	14
Informal Notices complied	14
Statutory Notices Served	7
Statutory Notices Complied	7

### ROUTINE INSPECTIONS MADE.

Meat and Food	144
Meat Shops	28
Slaughterhouses	29
Housing—Primary	153
—Re-Inspections	267
Water Supply	15
Drainage	86
Cleansing	18
Rodent Control	21
Moveable Dwelling	2
Dairy	3
Bakehouse	1
Smoke	2
Accumulations	11
Food Premises	27
Shops	2
Ice Cream	12
Factory (No Mech. Power)	3
Miscellaneous	30
Factory (Mech. Power)	10
Highways	16
Animals kept	27
Cinema	7
Milkshop	1
Town Planning	2
	917

### MEAT and FOOD INSPECTION.

A total of 245 visits were made in connection with the inspection of meat and other foods.

#### MEAT INSPECTION.

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in your area. The following table gives the number of animals slaughtered during the year and percentages affected with disease.



# CARCASSES and OFFAL INSPECTED and CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle exclud- ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	129	—	—	429	66	—
Number inspected	129	—	—	429	66	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci: Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3	—	—	3	—	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affect- ed with disease other than tubercul- osis or cysticerci	2·3	—	—	0·7	—	—
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	1	—
Percentage of the No. inspected affect- ed with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	1·5	—
Cysticercosis: Carcasses of which some part or organ was con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—





